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- The application was deposited without drawings. 35 U.S.C. 113 (first sentence) requires a drawing "where necessary for the understanding of the subject matter sought to be patented." *Applicant should reconsider whether the drawings are necessary under 35 U.S.C. 113 (first sentence).*

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Re: Inventor: Masato YANAGIDA, et al.  
Serial No: 10/668,498  
Filed: September 24, 2003  
For: CLEANING UNIT, PROCESS CARTRIDGE, IMAGE FORMING  
APPARATUS, AND TONER

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:  
Notice of Incomplete Nonprovisional Application  
Petition to Accord a Filing Date  
Copy of Drawings (5 Pages)  
Copy of Filing Receipt (dated September 24, 2003)

Our check in the amount of \$0.00 is attached covering any required fees. In the event that any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 CFR 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 CFR 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
MASATO YANAGIDA, ET AL. : ATTN: MAIL STOP PETITIONS  
SERIAL NO: 10/668,498 :  
FILED: SEPTEMBER 24, 2003 : GROUP ART UNIT: 2852  
FOR: CLEANING UNIT, PROCESS :  
CARTRIDGE, IMAGE FORMING  
APPARATUS, AND TONER

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SIR:

In response to the Notice of Incomplete Nonprovisional Application dated August 20, 2004, Applicants are resubmitting herewith a copy of the Drawings (5 Sheets), which were previously filed on September 24, 2003, as evidenced by the enclosed date-stamped filing receipt. Applicants contend that a petition fee is not necessary at this time since the Drawings were timely filed on September 24, 2003. Should the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office determine a petition fee is due, you are hereby authorized to charge the same to the Deposit Account No. 15-0030.

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Serial No. New Application

✓ In the matter of the Application of: Masato YANAGIDA, et al.

✓ For: CLEANING UNIT, PROCESS CARTRIDGE, IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS, AND TONER

✓ **Due Date: September 24, 2003**

The following has been received in the U.S. Patent Office on the date stamped hereon:

- ✓ ☒ 76 pp. Specification 46 Claims/Drawings 5 Sheets and
- ✓ ☒ 5 Pages Application Data Sheet
- ✓ ☒ ☐ Utility Patent Application Transmittal
- ✓ ☒ ☐ Request for Priority
- ✓ ☒ ☐ Priority Doc 2
- ✓ ☒ Check for \$1,768.00
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- ✓ ☒ ☐ Fee Transmittal Form
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